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Veli Lošinj Speech

Research was conducted into the local speaking patterns of Veli Lošinj residents, which belong to the Chakavian Ikavian-Ekavian group. The analysed corpus was gathered in the field, noting the spoken interactions of two native residents of Veli Lošinj.

The paper primarily analyses the lexis of Veli Lošinj speech, and lists the phonological and morphological characteristics which confirm that it belongs to the Chakavian Ikavian-Ekavian dialect. Apart from some examples which contribute to the understanding of how particular words are spoken, the accent system is not analysed in detail.

Based on the results, a lexical comparison was carried out with the speaking patterns of Beli residents on the neighbouring island of Cres. These are classified as belonging to the Ekavian sub-dialect of Chakavian.

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